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LETTER DATED 7 JULY 1997 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF DENMARK TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith decision No. 176 of 26 June 1997 adopted by the Permanent Council of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) concerning the OSCE presence in Eastern Slavonia (Croatia) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Theis TRUELSEN
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.



Annex

Decision No. 176 of 26 June 1997 adopted by the Permanent Council
of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

The Permanent Council decides to:

Pursue OSCE tasks in the Republic of Croatia on the basis of Permanent Council Decision No. 112 of 18 April 1996, as amended by this decision;

Reaffirm the availability of all OSCE institutions to assist in the development of democratic institutions, processes and mechanisms;

Authorize the Mission:

- To assist with and to monitor implementation of Croatian legislation and agreements and commitments entered into by the Croatian Government on:
 - Two-way return of all refugees and displaced persons and on protection of their rights, and
 - The protection of persons belonging to national minorities;
- To make specific recommendations to the Croatian authorities and refer, as appropriate, urgent issues to the Permanent Council;

Build up Mission personnel, starting in July 1997, to a calling of 250 expatriates with a view to full deployment by 15 January 1998. The personnel will be deployed by decision of the Head of Mission;

Extend the mandate of the reinforced OSCE Mission for a period until 31 December 1998. Prolongation and changes of mandate will be subject to a new decision by the Permanent Council.

The Permanent Council takes note of the agreement between the Croatian authorities and the Chairman-in-Office to consider this decision as having the effect of amending the Memorandum of Understanding concluded between the Government of Croatia and the OSCE.
